

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2017/18

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North Yorkshire County Council has received recommendations from an Independent Remuneration Panel in respect of its allowance scheme for 2017/18. The rates for the Basic Allowance and ongoing Special Responsibility Allowances reflect the proposal to apply a 5% increase compared to the 2016/17 rates. (If this is not agreed there is an alternative proposal to apply a 2.5% increase.)

The effect of the Panel's recommendations which would apply from 1 April 2017 are as follows:

- (a) A basic allowance for all Members of the Council of £9,442
- (b) Special responsibility allowances to be paid to certain Members of the Council as follows: Chairman of the Council - £9,726; Vice Chairman of the Council - £3,242; Leader of the Council - £25,936; Deputy Leader of the Council - £16,210; Executive Members - £14,589; Chairman of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee - £9,726; Chairmen of other Overview and Scrutiny Committees, the Appeals Committee and the Pensions Committee - £4,863; Chairman of the Planning & Regulatory Functions Committee - £4,053; Chairman of the Audit Committee - £3,242; Chairmen of Area Committees - £2,432; Chairmen of the Planning and Regulatory Functions Sub-Committee, Scrutiny Board and Standards Committee and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees - £1,621; Chairman of the Employment Appeals Committee - £1,621 (payment currently suspended during pilot alternative arrangements); Vice-Chairman of the Appeals Committee - £811; Champions for Young People and Older People - £4,863; Leaders of Political Groups: (where group is 2nd party in group membership) - £4,863, (total available for other parties, where group has over 10% of all Members) - £2,432; Secretaries of Political Groups: (where group is 1st party in group membership) - £2,432, (where group is 2nd party in group membership) - £1,621, (total available for other parties, where group has over 10% of all Members) - £811.
- (c) Special responsibility allowance to be paid to the Chair of the Police and Crime Panel - £4,863; Vice Chairs of the Police and Crime Panel - 1,621; Community Members of the Police and Crime Panel - £811 (this is a new allowance).
- (d) Independent Persons for Standards - £811; Chairman of the Pensions Board - £2,432.

The Panel recommends the voluntary return of a proportion of a Member's allowance if their attendance falls below a benchmark of 60%, except where there are mitigating circumstances such as illness.

A copy of the Panel's report is available at <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23654/Councillors---allowances> and is also available for inspection by members of the public, during office hours, at the principal office of the Council at the address below. The report will be considered by the County Council at its meeting to be held on 15th February 2017. The full papers for this meeting will be available at www.northyorks.gov.uk from approximately one week before the meeting.

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